

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

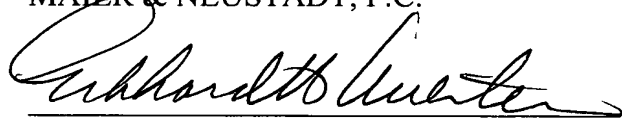
The present application is the U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP03/12552, filed on September 30, 2003.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the present application, Claim 22-23 having been added by the present amendment.

Accordingly, an action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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